

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
Thomas H. Tapio

Application No.: 09/678,428

Confirmation No.: 4356

Filed On: October 2, 2000

Examiner: Michael B. Holmes

Art Unit: 2121

For: System and Method for Sharing of Expert
Knowledge

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on December 30, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three (3) month extension of time. With this extension, the time to respond is now set at March 30, 2005. Enclosed is a check, which includes the sum of \$510.00 as the fee for the extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

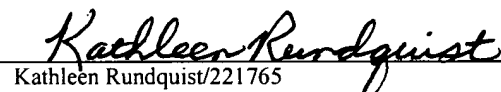
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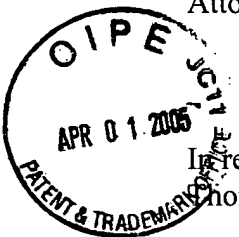
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004. The original period of response to the Final Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Therefore, a Reply was due by December 30, 2004. Accordingly, a three-month extension of time is hereby requested. This Reply is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination for proper consideration of this Reply. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

In response to the Final Office Action of September 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.